



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Minh-Tan Ton-That et al.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

Accompanying the Request for Continued Examination and in response to the Final Office action of March 2, 2005 and the Advisory Action of May 12, 2005, please consider the following amendment/response. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including a Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.132 of Minh-Tan Ton-That is attached following page 6 of this paper.